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Pennsylvania 2007 Vegetable Production

HARRISBURG, PA, Jan 28, 2008 - Pennsylvania's vegetable farmers harvested 14,200 acres of sweet corn for fresh market in 2007 with production totaling 880,000 cwt., according to the Pennsylvania field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). This is 22 percent less than the 2006 production for fresh market. Average value of fresh market sweet corn was \$32.60 per cwt.

Nationally, 234,400 acres of sweet corn was harvested for fresh market in 2007 and 367,600 acres were harvested for processing. Fresh market production totaled 28.2 million cwt. and was valued at \$22.20 per cwt. Processing production totaled 2.90 million tons in 2007 with an average value of \$81.80 per ton. Forty-four percent of the processing production was utilized for canning and 56 percent was for freezing.

Pennsylvania's 2007 fresh market tomato production was estimated at 651,000 cwt., up 9 percent from 2006. Area harvested was 3,100 acres, 300 acres less than a year ago. The average value was \$62.40 per cwt.

United States' production of fresh market tomatoes was 37.0 million cwt. in 2007, a very slight increase over 2006. Area harvested was 119,200 acres. Average value of tomatoes for fresh market was \$34.50 per cwt.

In Pennsylvania, 10,800 acres of snap beans were harvested for processing in 2007, unchanged from a year ago. Total production was 33,170 tons with an average value of \$239.00 per ton, compared with an average value of \$207.00 per ton last year.

At the U.S. level, 202,570 acres of snap beans were harvested for processing in 2007. Total production decreased from 785,950 tons in 2006, to 767,770 tons in 2007. Canning utilized 497,800 tons of the production. Average value increased from \$157.00 per ton in 2006 to \$169.00 in 2007.

Pennsylvania's strawberry production, harvested from 1,300 acres for fresh market and processing was 61,000 cwt., down 18 percent from 2006. Average value per cwt. was \$187.00, compared with \$167.00 per cwt. in 2006. The U.S. strawberry production in 2007 was 25.0 million cwt., up 4 percent from 2006. Acreage harvested was 53,730; the average value per cwt. was \$69.80, up from \$63.20 a year ago.

Pennsylvania's 2007 fresh market cabbage production was estimated at 324,000 cwt. Area harvested was 1,200 acres, 100 acres less than in 2006. The average value was \$14.20 per cwt. Nationally, 74,000 acres of cabbage were harvested for fresh market in 2007. Fresh market production totaled 25.8 million cwt. and was valued at \$16.40 per cwt.

Pennsylvania's cantaloupe production for fresh market was 144,000 cwt. Total acreage harvested was 900. The average value per cwt. was \$33.50 in 2007, compared with \$30.10 in 2006. U.S. fresh market cantaloupe production totaled 21.2 million cwt. in 2007 with an average value of \$14.80 per cwt. There were 86,030 acres harvested.

Pennsylvania's 2007 fresh market and processed pumpkin production was estimated at 732,000 cwt. Area harvested was 6,100 acres, down from 6,900 acres a year ago. The average value was \$23.90 per cwt., compared to \$16.60 per cwt. in 2006. Nationally, 43,200 acres of pumpkins were harvested for fresh market and processing in 2007. Total production was 11.16 million cwt. and was valued at \$10.50 per cwt.

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